

broader Quad-City community: leading the charge on interfaith discussions, community service, and education. Countless members volunteer their time to speak with children and educators about Jewish heritage, Israel, the dangers of antisemitism, and the lessons of the Holocaust. This community truly values *tikkun olam*, or repairing the world.

In July, the center will celebrate its 80th anniversary with members current and past, young and old. Since its founding, The Center has been a credit to the rich history of Rock Island.

Mr. Speaker, I again want to wish a hearty *mazel tov* to Rabbi Jeffrey Lipschultz President Steve Geifman, and all of the members of the Tri-City Jewish Center on the celebration of their 80th Jubilee as they look forward to another successful 80 years.

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HONORING JUDGE CAROL A.  
CONNOR

HON. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 5, 2016*

Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my dear friend, the Honorable Judge Carol A. Connor. Carol represented the best of our great State of New Mexico: she was a loving mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, a loyal friend to many, a brilliant, hard-working and talented lawyer and judge, and a dedicated advocate for the rights of women, Native Americans, and the environment.

Carol was born in Wolf Point, Montana to Lora M. Worthington and Fred Whitebear Connor on December 31, 1941 and belonged to the Assinibione Sioux tribe. After she graduated from the University of New Mexico Law School in 1978, Carol began an extraordinary career representing numerous tribes across the country. The capstone of her career was her appointment to sit on the bench as a Federal Administrative Law Judge, where she served for 20 years.

In addition to her prolific career, Carol helped establish the New Mexico Women's Bar Association. She lived a life dedicated to serving others and fighting for the rights of those in need.

Carol's greatest joy in life was her family whom she cherished. After meeting in Normandy, France, Carol married Jacques Lacan. They spent their time together in Albuquerque, in the company of family, friends, and their three dogs: Bisoux Boy I, Bisoux Boy II, and Kissy Face. Carol's passion and love of life touched all those she encountered; her mark on the world is truly endless.

On May 10, 2016, Carol passed away at the age of 74 surrounded by her family. She was preceded in death by her loving son, Robert. Surviving her are her husband, Jacques, her daughters, Cindy Montgomery and Lori Matier Vittatoe, as well as her 4 grandchildren, and 5 great-grandchildren.

Carol was a true friend and we will all miss her dearly. I cherish our friendship and all of the wonderful contributions she has made to our state. Her memory and legacy is a blessing to us all.

IN CELEBRATION OF MR. JOHN  
ATWOOD CHASE'S 90TH BIRTHDAY

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 5, 2016*

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service and career of Mr. John Atwood Chase as he celebrates his 90th birthday. John has dedicated many years to ensuring the safety and security of our great nation.

John Atwood Chase was born in Pepperell, Massachusetts on June 27, 1926 to his parents, Francis "Curly" Chase and Annabel Dougherty Chase. From a young age, John displayed many exemplary traits which ultimately led him to achieve many successes early in life. During his senior year of high school, he received the "Outstanding Citizen" and "Person Who Has Done the Most for Lawrence Academy" awards for the work he did as President of his senior class and the entire student body. In addition to his academic achievements, John was also a student athlete and captain of both the basketball and baseball teams. His success in sports led him to attract baseball scouts from the Boston Red Sox, but John declined their offer in order to serve our nation in the United States Navy.

John was accepted to the U.S. Navy Officer's Program at Bates College; however, he left ten months later to attend a school providing more of an Annapolis education and ultimately selected Tufts over Harvard. Upon finishing school, John went on to complete his training at the Chicago Naval Base and was later stationed at Camp Shoemaker in Dublin, California. He then joined the light Pacific cruiser ship, the Pasadena.

After the 1945 bombing in Hiroshima brought an end to the war, John was discharged from the Navy and went on to participate in a six month course with the Insurance Company of North America (ICNA). The experiences John had during this course led him to pursue a career in ICNA's Special Risk Division in New York City. Shortly after, in 1951, John left his career with the ICNA to join the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) as a Special Agent. During his time with the FBI, John had the opportunity to complete many assignments in cities such as: Los Angeles, Santa Barbara and San Francisco, California; Miles City, Montana; and the Washington D.C. Field Office. A few short years later, in 1958, John returned to FBI headquarters and took on the position of Assistant Agent in Charge at Quantico.

It was during this time that John was introduced to his wife, Janice Morgan, who also worked at the FBI headquarters. They were married a year later, in 1959, and were blessed with three beautiful children, John Jr., Lisa, and Julie. In 1963, John ended his career with the FBI to join a New York Securities Firm, McDonnell & Company which was later merged to become Butcher & Singer. Throughout the years, John had the opportunity to work with many prominent figures in the financial industry at firms including White Weld & Co., Kidder Peabody, Shearson Lehman, Merrill Lynch, Paine Webber, and UBS. Through his entire adult life, John was an avid golfer, even shooting a hole in one at the Bethesda Country Club in 1963. He now spends his time swimming at the Columbia Country

Club and entertaining his four grandchildren, Madeline, Ryker, Kendall and Finn.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the career and noble service of Mr. John Atwood Chase. John's many accomplishments are a direct reflection of what can result from hard work and perseverance. It is with great pride that we thank him for his service, and wish him continued health and happiness with his friends and family.

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HONORING GEORGE LEE ADRAIN  
OWEN

HON. JASON SMITH

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 5, 2016*

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor George Lee Adrain Owen of Douglas County, Missouri for his lifelong work and dedication to this country.

Mr. Owen was born and raised in Douglas County before being drafted into the United States Army when he was 18 years old. He was immediately sent overseas where he served as an infantryman for the 75th Infantry Division. He fought in several battles, including the Battle of the Bulge, where he earned the Purple Heart for an injury he sustained in that battle. He also received three Bronze Stars, the Combat Infantry Badge, and several other commendations for his valiant actions in the war before being discharged on March 14, 1946.

Upon reentering the civilian workforce, Mr. Owen worked as a dairy farmer, as well as at the Rock Island Arsenal for 30 years before retiring in 1980. He then moved back to Douglas County and bought a farm that he owns to this day. Mr. Owen enjoyed nearly 56 years of marriage to his wife Laverne, before her passing in 2002. Together, they have three children: Linda, James, and Brenda.

Mr. Owen continues to be active in his community to this day, serving as the Chaplain for the local VFW, American Legion, and Douglas County Veterans Memorial Association. He is also the Deacon at Bethany Baptist Church and is a strong supporter of the Senior Center and their activities. For his outstanding career and community achievements, it is my pleasure to recognize George Lee Adrain Owen before the United States House of Representatives.

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TRIBUTE TO WILL BABCOCK

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 5, 2016*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Will Babcock, a member of the 2016 Iowa Boys 2A State Golf Tournament Championship Team.

Will Babcock and his teammates at Panorama High School, persevered through a tough season. With steady and consistent play at the state tournament, these students showed the state of Iowa that they were worthy of a state championship two years in a row.

Mr. Speaker, Will's determination, hard work, commitment and team work is what contributed to the stellar success of his team. His

willingness to give it his best effort is what will be valuable later in life. I am honored to represent Will in the United States Congress. I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Will Babcock and his team for competing and winning this rigorous competition. We all share in wishing him nothing but continued success.

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IN HONOR OF LADY RUTH  
SKINNER

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**HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 5, 2016*

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate a dear friend of long-standing to my wife, Vivian and me, Lady Ruth Skinner, on 60 years of life and 40 years devoted to the ministry of Jesus Christ. David Viscott once said that, "The purpose of life is to discover your gift. The work of life is to develop it. The Meaning of life is to give your gift away." Ruth Skinner has given her life away in service to God, her family, the Columbus community and the broader faith community. Truly, we and the world are all better for it.

Ruth Skinner, affectionately called "Lady", was born and reared in Columbus, Georgia where she attended Columbus Technical College and became a Master Cosmetologist and businesswoman, in her own right. Furthermore, she is a member of Bread of Life Christian Center Ministries, Inc., where she has served as the Founding First Lady for over 31 years alongside her loving husband, Bishop L.D. Skinner, Sr.

Lady Ruth Skinner's passion and dedication for her faith inspired her to lead. She has dedicated 40 years of her life to the ministry and has taken the gifts with which she had been endowed by God to better support her community. As a Ruling Elder of Bread of Life Christian Center Ministries and National Director of Explosion Ministries Fellowship Association of Churches (EMFAC), a fellowship of interdenominational ministries and churches, she demonstrates her leadership and unwavering faith in God.

She is the mother to three sons—Pastor Darnel Skinner, Jr., Darrell Skinner, and Darius Skinner—and loves spending time with her siblings and grandchildren. Her 60 years of life, thus far, have been filled by travel with her husband, expanding her knowledge through literature, and nurturing her relationship with both God and God's people. Lady Ruth lives by the idea that only what you do for Christ will last, and her selfless dedication and service make it clear the lives she has touched over the years have been irreversibly changed.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join my wife, Vivian, and me in extending our gratitude and best wishes to Lady Ruth Skinner on the occasion of her 60th birthday, and the celebration of 40 years of faithful service in the ministry of Jesus Christ. To God be the glory for the things He has done through the life of Lady Ruth Skinner.

HOWARD L. CHAMBERS, LEG-  
ENDARY LAKEWOOD CITY MAN-  
AGER TO RETIRE

**HON. ALAN S. LOWENTHAL**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 5, 2016*

Mr. LOWENTHAL. Mr. Speaker, Howard L. Chambers, who has served as the city manager of the City of Lakewood for four decades, is the California city manager with the longest tenure in the same city—this in a profession where the average length of service in California is about seven years.

A lifelong member of the Lakewood community, Howard grew up near Mayfair Park, went to neighborhood schools, and worked at the YMCA.

After earning his degree at Cal State Long Beach, Howard interned at the City of Lakewood for two years, handling youth services. He then went to work with the City of Rosemead as an assistant city manager.

Howard returned to Lakewood in 1972 in the role of an executive assistant to the city manager. In 1976, he was named acting city administrator and shortly thereafter hired to permanently fill the position, which was later re-titled as city manager, by the city council.

During his 40-year tenure as a city manager, Howard Chambers has become a respected leader among area city managers, always willing to take the time to share his professional experience with his colleagues on issues affecting Southern California, its residents, and its infrastructure.

Howard has also worked tirelessly and effectively on ad hoc committees and coalitions to address federal, state, and local issues, and has never shied away from a principled battle. As a long-term member of the International City/County Management Association (ICMA), Chairman of the Southeast Los Angeles County Municipal Management Group, the California Contract Cities Association, and a member of the League of California Cities' City Managers Division, Howard has worked with elected and appointed city officials, legislators, regulators, the business community, residents, and others to achieve solutions to the critical issues affecting local governments.

In addition to his public service, Howard Chambers has made community service a priority. His involvement includes the Lakewood Rotary Club, the Weingart-Lakewood Family YMCA, Lakewood Special Olympics, the American Heart Association, Su Casa Ending Domestic Violence, Lakewood Regional Hospital, Kris Kringle Charity Golf Tournament, and Project Shepherd.

For his sustained excellence, he has been recognized throughout his career by a variety of organizations including ICMA, Harvard University John F. Kennedy School of Government, California Jaycees, YMCA, Lakewood City Council, Lakewood City Employees Association, and Su Casa Ending Domestic Violence.

During his tenure, Howard Chambers managed the city's largest public works project in its first 50 years: the \$16 million improvement of the Lakewood Civic Center and construction of The Centre at Sycamore Plaza. He later oversaw the \$21-million expansion and modernization of the Lakewood Sheriff's Station, the largest single project in the city's history.

The sheriff's station expansion project was completed without a new tax, tax increase, or special assessment.

Howard Chambers is considered a legend in the city management profession and is known for his ability to build working relationships with city staffers, civic leaders, and state legislators. He also is a role model for his peers. Known for his "teachable moments," he has become a mentor and teacher to new city managers. He has been and will continue to be passionate about local government, and his involvement in community activities and achievements in public service have resulted in significant benefits to Lakewood and surrounding communities.

During his four decades of service, Lakewood has deservedly earned many awards for the quality of its services, its commitment to responsive government, and its innovations.

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IN RECOGNITION OF WILLIAM B.  
PITTARD

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**HON. JOE BARTON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 5, 2016*

Mr. BARTON. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize William B. Pittard who is leaving the House to reenter the private practice of law. Mr. Pittard has served in the Office of the General Counsel for five and one-half years, initially as an Assistant Counsel; then, for nearly four and one-half years, as Deputy General Counsel; and, most recently, as Acting General Counsel. We will miss him.

Mr. Pittard provided frequent and invaluable legal advice and representation to Members of the House (including me and my staff), the officers of the House, the committees of the House, and the leadership of the House—most often in connection with their interactions with the other branches of the Federal Government. He did so professionally and without regard to partisan identity and, as a result, we came to rely on his expertise and guidance. Over the years, Mr. Pittard played a very significant role in safeguarding the legal and institutional interests of the House of Representatives.

Mr. Pittard has served the House with great distinction, and I am confident he will exhibit that same level of distinction in representing private clients. On behalf of myself and the entire House community, we thank Mr. Pittard for his many years of devoted service, and extend to him our very best wishes for his continued success.

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HONORING THE LIFE OF COACH  
PAUL GROVER OF PENSACOLA,  
FLORIDA

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**HON. JEFF MILLER**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 5, 2016*

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it is with profound sadness that I rise to remember Coach Paul Grover from Florida's First Congressional District. Paul passed away on Wednesday June 22, after six courageous years of battling with cancer.